

2006 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

AS PASSED THE LEGISLATURE

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Department of Agriculture

The supplemental **Capital Budget** passed by the Legislature provides \$17 million to WSDA from the new Energy Freedom Account for providing loans to support bio-energy projects.

The supplemental **Operating Budget** passed by the Legislature adds about \$1 million in one-time funding and \$1.3 million in new ongoing funding to WSDA's 05-07 biennial budget. Items in the Operating Budget include:

- **Avian Influenza Surveillance and Outreach** - \$100,000 and 1.0 FTE to improve early detection of avian influenza in poultry by increasing surveillance and outreach activities.
- **Veterinarian Recruitment and Retention** - \$49,000 to address compensation issues that hinder recruiting and retaining qualified veterinarians in the Animal Health program. Increases salaries for six veterinarian positions by 12%.
- **Animal Identification** - \$85,000 one-time funding to implement Substitute House Bill 3033, which directs WSDA to convene an advisory committee to examine other programs and recommend a plan by December 1, 2006, for implementing the state's component, including funding.
- **Pesticide Surface Water Monitoring** - \$129,000 to monitor pesticide residues in the tree fruit growing area of the Upper Columbia River to provide additional Washington-specific data for federal assessments of a pesticide's potential risk to salmon.
- **Weights and Measures Fees** - \$241,000 in added expenditure authority plus FTEs to implement SSB 6365, which increases Weights and Measure program fees.
- **Weights and Measures Inspection Equipment** - \$341,000 one-time funding to purchase shared program equipment needed for inspections.
- **Raw Milk Compliance and Inspection** - \$190,000 and 1.0 FTE for one-time legal services costs associated with the E. coli O157:H7 outbreak caused by milk from an unlicensed dairy and ongoing costs for inspections and testing of new licensed raw milk operations.
- **Small-Scale Dairy Work Group** - \$30,000 one-time funding to convene a work group and report to the Legislature on actions that will assist small-scale dairies to become licensed.
- **Bioenergy Coordination** - \$150,000 and 1.5 FTE for staff to provide state-agency level coordination and agriculture industry outreach critical to the development of the bio-energy industry in Washington State.
- **Biodiesel Fuel Markets** - \$140,000 and 1.0 FTE to implement state biodiesel and ethanol fuel standards required by ESSB 6508.
- **Spartina** - \$50,000 one-time funding for increased eradication efforts in Grays Harbor.
- **Invasive Species Council** - \$26,000 for costs associated with SSB 5385, which includes WSDA as a member of a newly created state Invasive Species Council.
- **Noxious Weed Board** - \$100,000 to support noxious weed boards across the state.
- **Asparagus Mechanization** - \$500,000 one-time funding to expand the asparagus automation and mechanization program.
- **Other Costs** - \$280,000 to address a shortfall in funds for attorney general services, for increased costs of the Human Resource Management System, for unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities for PERS 1, and changes in the cost of state merit system classifications resulting from collective bargaining agreements and personnel rules.

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